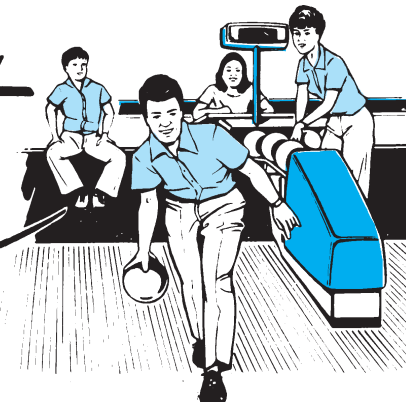


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USBC Convention Wraps in Reno

RENO, Nev. — The 2013 United States Bowling Congress Convention and Annual Meeting concluded with delegates electing four board members and deciding 11 legislative proposals involving changes to USBC bylaws, league rules and tournament rules.

The three-day event, held at the Silver Legacy Resort, featured workshops and exhibits for del-

egates, in addition to the Annual Meeting that included awards presentations, board elections and voting on legislative proposals.

Re-elected to the USBC Board of Directors were Michael Italia of Warrington, Pa., and Mark Martin of Waterford, Mich., and they will be joined on the board by newcomers Anthony Colangelo of Helmetta, N.J., and Jan Schmidt of

Hales Corners, Wis. They will begin their three-year terms on Aug. 1.

Each of the four board members elected Friday were selected on the first ballot. Candidates needed a majority of the 864 voting delegates. Colangelo led the way with 489 votes, followed by Martin (484), Italia (458) and Schmidt (446). Also on the ballot were Barbara Council-Armstead of Philadelphia, Karl Kielich of El Paso, Texas, Scott Zeidman of Culver City, Calif., and Duane Ensign of Wichita, Kan.

Andrew Cain of Phoenix, the current USBC president, recently was re-elected by the Athletes Advisory Council to continue to serve



on the board. The athletes also elected three-time Team USA member Mike Fagan of Dallas to replace Wendy Macpherson, who did not seek re-election.

The 864 voting delegates (835 delegates, six athletes and 23 board members) also voted on eight proposals relating to USBC bylaws (one proposal was withdrawn), one proposal relating to league rules and two proposals related to tour-

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Lisa Bishop Wins Women's Series Invitational at Star Lanes at Emagine

• LISA BISHOP of Belleville won the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) Rip 10 Entertainment Women's Invitational event, sponsored by Blumark, with a 215-160 triumph over Sandra Schultz of Macomb at Star Lanes at Emagine in Royal Oak. Bishop took home the top prize of \$500, while Schultz settled for \$250.

Bishop was the top qualifier in the invitational field of 16 with a four-game total of 1,003. Her set included games of 279, 278, 246 and 200. Her first three games totaled 803.

Schultz qualified fourth with 818. In the stepladder finals she defeated Aleksandra Hudak of Taylor, 190-181, and Michelle Keirns of Lansing, 221-208, to advance to the championship match.

Keirns cashed for \$150 and Hudak \$100. The top 16 on the points list of the six-event Women's Series were invited to participate in the special event at Star Lanes. After the competition the top 15 in the points list were awarded their checks during a luncheon.

Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids won the Blumark cup with 681 points for \$1,000 for the six-event series, followed by Lisa Bishop of Belleville with 656 points for \$500.

◆ Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

IN THE NEWS



Bowling in Paris, Part Two

• WDIV-TV's bowling weatherman Paul Gross (center) led a contingent of 18 meteorologists from 13 different nations at the "Bowling Front De Seine" bowling center in Paris. Winners of the first "International Weather Forecasters Bowling Championship" were Nathalie Bruneau from Montreal (left) and Jay Trobec from KELO-TV in Sioux Falls, S.D. See page 7 for the complete story.

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Fagan, Kulick
to Represent
Team USA at
World Games

Team USA members Mike Fagan of Dallas and Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., will represent the United States at the 2013 World Games this summer in Cali, Colombia.

The duo will look to give Team USA its first gold medal in World Games competition. Since the World Games began in 1981, the United States has won two silver medals and three bronze medals but has been shut out of the gold medals in the event, which is held every four years.

Bowling is one of more than 36 sports not currently included in the Olympics that will be showcased in the World Games for 11 days beginning July 25. Eight countries from each of the three zones (American, Asian and European) of the World Tenpin Bowling Association will represent bowling by sending one male and one female athlete.

The bowling competition at the World Games will begin Aug. 1 with six games of mixed doubles followed by the stepladder finals.

For more info on the World Games, visit TheWorldGames2013.com.

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PBA Condition — Thursdays — All skill levels welcome. Bowl on 7 PBA patterns. \$1,200 first place. 14 weeks. 3 bowlers per team. Starts May 9th at 7pm

Friday Postal Trio — Teams must have one member of the opposite sex. Starts May 10th at 10 — 30am.

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METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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• THERE ARE several leagues that have not turned in their April 1st averages in accordance with the requirements of the league secretary. An updated list is posted on www.mdusbc.com.

If you are a bowler in one of these leagues you risk not having your average published in the MDUSBC yearbook because of inaction by your league secretary. Contact your league secretary today to assist in getting these situations resolved.

League secretaries were mailed an average request form in late March to report the averages on. That form was due on April 15th, more than a month ago.

Your help is needed to complete this task. You can help by sending us the first league

sheet after April 1 from your league. This can be faxed to our office at (248) 443-2690 or mailed to MDUSBC, 28200 Southfield Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

CHANGES COMING

• THE METRO DETROIT USBC Board recently met and approved the following actions:

Beginning in August, all awards and reports to leagues secretaries will be delivered to your bowling center. This change will improve response time to centers and league. Additionally once this service begins, league secretaries can send in information that normally would be mailed by dropping off at the bowling center. This service will continue until May.

Look for the MDUSBC app. Yes, MDUSBC will have an app for your smart phone or tablet later this summer, just in time for the 2013-14 season. If you have ideas you would like to see from this app, send Mark Martin an e-mail to mark.martin@mdusbc.com.

Also look for several MDUSBC events this year with full video on our website.

Pat Klix has been named as Volunteer of

ALL-CITY TEAMS

- THIS IS THE time of year that we work on and finalize the process for the men's, senior men's, women's and senior women's All-City teams. This is a very laborious task and your help is needed. For the men's and senior men's categories games of 298, 299 and 300 receive points as does all 800 series. For the women's and senior women's categories games of 279 and better and series above 700. In order that we don't miss any honor scores in the calculations please contact the MDUSBC office if you think we're missing some of your's.

the Year, Rose McCall has been named as Secretary of the Year, Phylesha Shinholster as Coach of the Year and Tina Johnson has been named for Meritorious Service.

Two scholarship winners were named. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from MDUSBC. The winners are Andrew Farquharson and David Stroshein. Congratulations to both.

Several tournament changes will take place in the 2013-14 season and others in the 2014-15 season.

The MDUSBC Youth Championship will move from its former January - February time frame to November - December. This change will allow more of our high school bowlers to participate, before the high school bowling season begins. There will be three handicap and one scratch division, down from four handicap divisions and once scratch division. Also in the 2014-15 season the MDUSBC Junior Masters will move from October to March, for the same rea-

son as above. Gregory Moncrief has also joined the Youth Committee.

Both the MDUSBC Women's and Open Championships will offer incentives for those teams bowling on the 8 a.m. squad on opening weekend, Feb. 8-9. No longer will bowlers have to change lanes between doubles and singles. This change will help speed up the squads. Also a new longevity recognition program will be available to bowlers who have bowled in the Women's or Open championships for at least 25 years. There will also be recognition to 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years.

The MDUSBC Women's Championship will go from three divisions to two divisions due to decreased demand. The entry fee will increase to \$25 per person, per event, with added prize money. The handicap, actual and senior handicap all-events entry fee will increase to \$5, with the entire amount returned as prize money.

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Lead Keeps 'Flip-Flopping' for All-Stars at Thunderbowl Lanes

• THE LEAD in the last third of the Ebonite All-Stars at Thunderbowl Lanes season has been flip-flopping just about every week.

In the past week the previous leader, Downriver Bowlers Pro Shop, lost every point to Romulus Auto Supply who moved into third place, just two points out of the lead now held by Thunderbowl Lanes. Romulus Auto Supply was led by Terry Haines who had a 759 series and Rick Wayne in anchor who had 721.

Downriver Bowlers Pro Shop remains in second place, one point out of the lead. Next Tuesday is the final week of the last third of the season and is a position round. Thunderbowl Lanes will bowl Downriver Bowlers Pro Shop, while Romulus Auto Supply will bowl Mud's Warriors, who are only three points out of the lead.



By **TOM STROBL**

Bowler's Digest Contributor


The league average for the entire year is 213.9. The average has moved up a few pins in the final third of the season as the shot was loosened up.

George Juszczuk has the high individual men's average of 240, followed by Ronnie Sparks at 235 and Larry Walker at 232. Tamika Glenn leads the ladies at 212, followed by Angela Wilt at 211. During the season 15 different bowlers had at least one 300 game, several with multiples.

For the season, Ronnie Sparks had the high scratch series at 849, followed by George Juszczuk at 847 and Dave Tulak at 837. The ladies high scratch game was Sara Litteral at 289 and the scratch series high was Sara Litteral at 760.

The season high team scratch game was 1305 by Romulus Auto Supply, while the high team scratch series was 3690 by Thunderbowl Lanes.

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The MDUSBC Open Championship will be contested in only one division starting in 2014, but will add an optional scratch division. The cost for the optional scratch division will be \$10 per person, per event. Those entering the optional scratch division will be able to cash in both handicap and actual prize lists.

The MDUSBC Queens format will change

in the 2013-14 season. The event will become a two-day event, with qualifying on Saturday and match play on Sunday. Qualifying will be eight games of qualifying in two squads of four games each. The top 16 will return on Sunday for single game, double elimination to crown the champion. The entry fee will be adjusted to accommodate the additional games and be announced later.

The 2014-15 tournament sites have been

awarded as follows: Adult/Youth: Salt River Lanes Junior Masters — Indian Lanes, Super Senior Masters — Shelby Lanes, Queens — Ford Lanes, 500 Club — Century Bowl, Youth City — Sunnybrook Lanes, Masters — Shore Lanes, Senior Masters — Airway Lanes, Open and Women's Championships — Sterling Lanes, Senior Team — Thunderbowl Lanes.

Just a reminder on the sites for upcoming 2013-14 season: Adult/Youth — Taylor Lanes, Junior Masters — Astro Lanes, Super Senior Masters — Belmar Lanes, Queens — Astro Lanes, 500 Club — Wonderland Lanes, Youth City — Sunnybrook Lanes, Masters — Taylor Lanes, Senior Masters — Classic Lanes, Open and Women's Championships — Taylor Lanes, Senior Team — Sterling Lanes.

Many of you may have heard that the Special Achievement awards will become a responsibility of each local association in the 2014-15 season for adults and youth. The awards program for the 2013-14 season will remain unchanged, however there will be significant changes in the 2014-15 season. Look for a survey in your e-mail box at the beginning of the next season to help MDUSBC create a program that members are looking

for. We can only do it with your help.

Women will get additional consideration for All-City and Senior All-City for high placing in Open events and Women's Series events in the 2013-14 season.

YOUTH AWARDS BANQUET

• THE METRO DETROIT USBC Youth Awards banquet will be held on Sunday, May 19 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center at 1 p.m.

The banquet will honor youth tournament award winners, honor scores, scholarship winners and all-city recipients.

Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered from the Association office at (888) 753-6350.

AWARDS RECEPTION

• THE METRO DETROIT USBC Association will conduct their adult awards ceremony at DeCarlo's Banquet Center on Tuesday, June 18.

Dinner will be served first buffet style from 5:30 until 7 p.m. followed by the awards presentations.

Tickets are available for \$15 by calling the Association office at (888) 753-6350.

Lennie Boresch Jr. Wins Second Career Title

Down by more than 30 pins halfway through the title match, Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., came back to win the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 by one pin Wednesday at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

Boresch won his second career PBA50 Tour title by defeating Mike Henry of Brunswick, Ohio, 211-210, in the title match. In 2012 Boresch won in his PBA50 Tour debut capturing the Senior Sun Bowl In The Villages title.

It marked the second week in a row that the title match was decided by one pin. Hall of Famer Tom Baker defeated Bryan Goebel, 227-226, to win last week's Greater Birmingham Open.

Boresch's win makes it four different winners in the first four tournaments of the season. The next stop for the PBA50 Tour will be Capri Lanes in Kettering, Ohio, for the PBA50 Dayton Classic presented by Roto Grip May 13-16.



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2/23/2013	PLAZA LANES	10:00 AM
3/30/2013	CHERRY HILL LANES	10:00 AM
4/27/2013	BOWL ONE LANES	10:00 AM
5/18/2013	THUNDERBOWL LANES	10:00 AM
6/15/2013	SUNNYBROOK LANES	10:00 AM
8/31/2013	NOVI BOWL	10:00 AM
9/28/2013	DRAKESHIRE LANES	10:00 AM
10/26/2013	HAZEL PARK BOWL	10:00 AM
11/23/2013	FIVE STAR LANES	10:00 AM
12/7/2013	WAYNE BOWL - FINALS	10:00 AM

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• THOSE OF US that represented USBC and Metro Detroit USBC are now home from another productive convention week in Reno. Prior to attending the convention, we already knew that the awards for adults will no longer be provided by USBC in the 2014-15 bowling season.

We were also made aware that the Youth awards will not be offered for the 2013-14 bowling season from USBC. However, Metro Detroit USBC has enough supply to continue with these awards throughout the season.

We are anticipating a new youth program announced soon from the USBC Youth Committee and Youth Development team. It will be exciting and is so necessary to grow our sport from the youngest bowlers to fill the pipeline of bowlers for the future.

While some may see this as a negative impact on certified leagues, having been the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee at USBC for the past four years, I can share with you that surveys and tests have been conducted across the U.S. and these changes

are not only warranted, but necessary and requested.

Many bowlers told us they do not want pins, patches, magnets and key chains. Some want nothing, some want to pick their own, and it goes on and on.

Our association has already had a board discussion regarding awards at the local level prior to leaving for Reno and will continue to have discussions to decide what is best for you, our bowlers.

There was a by-law amendment submitted at convention that would allow local associations to remove the maximum dues it charges and give the authority to the board of directors to set those dues. This amendment FAILED by a very slim margin, probably 10 votes. The MDUSBC dues for the 2013-14 bowling season will be \$9 plus \$10 for USBC plus \$1 for state dues (WBA and BA).

In the fall, all of our bowlers who currently have an e-mail address on file with MDUSBC will receive a survey that will provide input as to what OUR bowlers would like to receive for their certification. If the amendment had passed, we were prepared to do some things differently, but we will trudge forward and try to make bowling in a certified league a great experience for all of our bowlers. We will continue to stress tournament participation and service to our bowlers and our proprietors going forward, because that is why we exist.

The USBC Strategic Planning Committee also presented a new Mission statement, Vision and Strategic Promise.

The USBC Mission is: The USBC is the national governing body for bowling. Our mission is to provide services, resources and standards for the sport.

The USBC Vision is: To be the leading authority to the sport, servicing the needs of bowling.

The USBC Promise is: Our promise is

to celebrate the past, be mindful of the present and ensure bowling's future through thoughtful research, planning and delivery. We will protect and nurture the sport with a mutual admiration and respect for all who enjoy bowling.

Most importantly to those of us here in Detroit and Michigan, is that our very hard-working Association Manager Mark Martin was re-elected to the USBC Board of Directors for another three-year term. Mark is such an asset to the board, serving on the Finance, Legal and Legislative, National Policy, and Equipment Specifications committees — none of which are easy committees!! Thanks, Mark, for all that you do and congratulations!

I also competed in the Women's Championship tournament while I was in Reno, receiving my patch for my 31st national tournament! Only 19 to go to reach my goal of 50!

I love bowling nationals, and I don't care where it is... once you are in the squad room and on the lanes, it is all about the atmo-

sphere of competing with women from all over the United States... and we had Canadian bowlers on our squad, too!

I know some are suffering from "Reno Burnout," but in 2016 the women will bowl in a brand new bowling venue at South Point in Las Vegas. Then we are off to Baton Rouge, back to Reno for one year, then to Wichita to celebrate the 100th women's tournament. I cannot wait!

My reservations have been made for 2014 in Reno, and I am excited that the tournament is going to a four-woman team and back to scratch. We are making some changes based on what YOU the bowlers have asked for. Now we need your support. Go online to www.bowl.com and reserve your spot now... get locked in before we sell out VEGAS!!

I know many of the leagues are done for the winter season, but I wish you luck in your summer leagues if you are bowling. Please watch your inbox for the survey and send any and all concerns to us prior to the survey. We would love to hear from you.

Two Bowlers Celebrate 50 Years of Participation

Bob Brissette of Petersburg, Mich., and Robert Costew of Clinton Township, Mich., each celebrated 50 years of participation at the USBC Open Championships this week.

Brissette, 76, became the 159th bowler in tournament history to make 50 appearances when he made his milestone march down Center Aisle on May 2. Costew, 71, added his name to the elite list May 3.

Brissette finished the 2013 event with 632 in doubles, 529 in team and 528 in singles for a 1,689 all-events total. Costew had 484 in team, 407 in doubles and 405 in singles for 1,296. Each bowler received a plaque, chevron and diamond lapel pin to recognize the achievement.

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• **OILY LANES** tend to be most bowlers' least favorite condition.

When a lane is oily it has a heavy concentration or "volume" of lane oil. This reduces lane friction between the ball and the lane surface thus making it more difficult

to get the ball into a roll. Think of the lane as pavement and the ball as car tires. Without enough traction, the wheels on your car will skid on a slick pavement.

In order to get traction you must increase the friction between the ball and the lane surface. The coverstock and surface texture will have the greatest influence on ball traction. A solid shell particle coverstock will give you the most traction provided that it has some texture or dullness.

I recommend sanding the ball surface with a gray Scotch Brite pad or 400 to 600 sand paper.

Another major factor is the RG (Radius of Gyration). You want to have a medium or low RG ball. In simplistic terms, think of a low RG ball as bottom heavy with the denser part of the core being centered around the equator of the ball.

A low RG ball will roll sooner and not skid as far on an oily lane. Remember your main objective is to get the ball into a roll on heavy oil. You will need to go more direct to the pocket. Do not try to make the ball hook if it wants to go straight. The lane almost always wins.

Another very important factor is ball speed. Too much speed on oil is just as ineffective as a car driving too fast on an oily pavement, you will lose traction.

One more very important factor is keeping the hand soft at release point. Do not

force the downswing or exaggerate lifting the ball. Keep the swing nice and relaxed and let the ball leave the hand.

One last item to mention is the ball layout or drilling pattern. Leverage ball layouts and pins closer to the axis will get into an earlier roll.

Main Factors:

- 1) Coverstock
- 2) Surface Texture

- 3) RG
- 4) Ball Speed
- 5) Soft Hand
- 6) Ball Layout

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USBC Convention Wraps in Reno

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nament rules during the legislative session. USBC bylaws proposals required a two-thirds majority to pass; league rules and tournament rules required a majority vote.

Six proposals (one tournament rule and five USBC bylaws) were accepted while five proposals were rejected. Among those rejected was a USBC bylaw proposal to eliminate the maximum restriction on local dues and allow local boards to determine the dues.

Please see below for the proposed amendments and the voting results.

USBC once again generated significant financial support for charity. The Bowlers to Veterans Link recognized associations for their contributions during the 2011-12 season. California led state associations with a \$142,187 contribution, while Citrus Belt (Calif.) and Minneapolis led local associations \$21,321 and \$17,375, respectively. More than 350 local associations participated in the 2011-12 fundraising effort. Go to bowlforveterans.org for more information on BVL.

USBC Bowl for the Cure made a donation of \$844,924.70 to Susan G. Komen For The Cure. In addition to the support of local and state associations, USBC Bowl for the Cure had the most successful online donation and merchandising campaign in its program history, generating more than \$102,000 in online transactions. Go to BOWL.com/bftc for more information on Bowl for the Cure.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION RESULTS

Rejected — Rule 104a. Team Captain's Authority: Requires a team captain to furnish a removed member, as well as league board, good and sufficient cause for removal of said member.

Approved — Rule 308. Distribution of Prize Funds: Requires rules for distribution of special prizes to be included in the tournament rules and if not, Rule 308 applies.

Rejected — Allows for tournaments to have a rule allowing individuals who bowl with both hands to choose which hand they are going to use and all average information submitted will be for that hand.

Approved — Article IV, Board of Directors: Requires a director to maintain eligibility throughout his/her term.

Rejected — Establishes maximum number of directors.

Approved — Article IV, Board of Directors: Provides the USBC Board and the Youth Committee the option of having a Youth Ambassador Director.

Rejected — Removes the nine-year maximum for term limits on the national board.

Approved — Article IV, Board of Directors: Allows the USBC Board to adopt the General Playing Rules.

Approved — Article VI, Meetings: Removes the maximum restriction on local dues and allows for the local board to determine the dues.

Approved — Article VI, Meetings: Requires all voting to be done in person by an eligible Delegate.

Approved — Article III, Nonprofit Corporation and Charter: Requires an association to transfer assets to the association servicing their members, within 30 days of dissolution.

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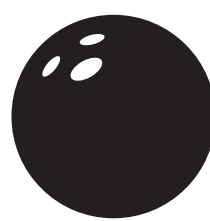
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Bowling in Paris, Part Two

By **PAUL GROSS**
WDIV-TV Meteorologist

Those of you who are regular readers of *Bowler's Digest* may remember my article a couple of years ago about bowling in Paris.

For the benefit of those who did not see or do not remember that article, here's a little background. Every year, I receive the privilege of an invitation to a special international meteorology conference just for TV weathercasters worldwide.

The French Meteorological Society manages to get enough funding to pay for our travel to Paris and our lodging, and it is a

nice honor to join the two or three other meteorologists representing the United States delegation.

Two years ago, seven of us (from seven different nations) were planning on going to a karaoke place after the conference ended, but it was closed. Since there was a bowling alley right around the corner from our hotel, I took them there. They had so much fun that they insisted that we do it again, and make it a competition. Last year's conference was in Geneva and we couldn't find a bowling alley, so we regrettably had to wait until this year.

As this year's conference approached, I

went over to K&S in Livonia, where Jennifer Samardzija made me two great trophies — one for the highest scoring man and woman. I sent a photo of the trophies to my friends, and e-mails then started flying fast and furious about the bowling, including some serious trash talking about taking those trophies home.

At the conference, word got around, and our little group of seven grew to 18 bowlers from 13 different nations. It was Saturday night, and Bowling Front De Seine was nearly full, but the man at the counter, Jean-Philippe, actually remembered me from two years ago!

Jean-Philippe graciously moved one group from lane 5 to lane 6, and created three lanes together for us on lanes 3, 4, and 5. Since I bowl competitively and many of my friends had never seen a bowling alley before, I declared myself ineligible to win (I ended up bowling 167 with a house ball and shoes... not bad, all things considered). I had



to explain the nature of the game and the rules to some of the group, and off we went. Everybody had such a great time!

Winners of the 1st International Weather Forecasters Bowling Championship were Nathalie Bruneau from Montreal with an 88 (she was also the biggest trash talker) and

Jay Trobec from KELO-TV in Sioux Falls, S.D., with a 129. The evening was a huge success, and weathercasters from Canada, Greece, Switzerland, Poland, Brazil, Czech Republic, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Algeria, Swaziland, Spain and the U.S. all went home with wonderful stories about our great sport!

It may sound strange to say this, but bowling is one of the biggest reasons I can't wait to get back to Paris! Until next year's article, au revoir!

◆ Paul Gross is WDIV-TV's Meteorologist and Executive Producer of Weather



• WDIV-TV's Paul Gross led a contingent of 18 meteorologists from 13 different nations at the "Bowling Front De Seine" bowling center in Paris. Flavia from Brazil (photo at right) is all smiles after a good frame, while Phephija from Swaziland (photo below) gets ready to roll a bowling ball for the first time.



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New Jersey Bowler Racks Up 300 Games

• ROLLING A 300, the sport's perfect score for a single game, is just an impossible dream for most of the bowlers in the world.

For Jim Hosier of Wayne, N.J., his bowling numbers boggle the mind and defy all odds.

"Bowling is what I do well, and 300 games have been my special challenge," said Hosier. He has met and upset that challenge.

At last count Hosier had racked up 135 300 games in sanctioned play, among the most by any person in the history of the sport, at least as of a few days ago. And added to that feat, his total of 107 approved 800 three-game series, an accomplishment considered more difficult than a 300 game, and that puts him in a battle on the top rungs of the all-time list.

His first 300 game came in 1983 at the original T-Bowl in Wayne and the most re-

cent only three weeks ago.

Hosier has rolled in three to five leagues most of his bowling life and sharpens himself with practice sessions of six to nine games when he feels the need.

"From my earliest days my instructor and booster was Hall-of-Famer Teata Semiz. His knowledge, experience in all phases of the keys of the game and his friendship gave me confidence," said Hosier.

Hosier, 54, has a fine body for bowling, six feet and 170 pounds with loose limbs that aid in his smooth approach and arm swing.

Of the 135 perfectos, he rolled 82 in leagues and 53 in various tournaments. Hosier has learned how to concentrate beyond the reach of most athletes. Does he get jumpy or nervous when he is rolling the last of the 12 strikes needed?

"I just make sure I take my time, put my

feet and body in the best position to score, bank on my past experience, and really don't feel too much pressure," said Hosier.

In addition to the 300s he has registered some 50 games of 299 and 298, meaning he has had a critical 300 last ball 185 times, and tossed only a small percentage off the main target.

His averages in league play have been as impressive as his 300s and his top mark for an entire season is 251, followed by 248 and a career (more than 30 years) composite average of close to 230.

He has 16 bowling balls, usually takes four when he bowls, based on what he knows about the lane conditions where he is scheduled. He feels that one of the key assets he has developed over the years is his ability to adjust, including all that are used by the Professional Bowlers Association for tour stops. He never bowled regu-



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

larly on the pro tour but did well as a non-member in regional pro events.

Hosier considers himself just a regular working guy who has a special talent for bowling. But he has made his mark, winning 32 county and state titles, more than a dozen individual majors. He has an outstanding 206 average for 18 years in the United States Bowling Congress Open, a traveling event featuring more than 50,000 entries and has finishes of 27th, 34th and 50th in various events. He and his teams have posted high scores in annual national record standings.

His critics say he bowls in high scoring centers. So do many others. But his 300s have been rolled in numerous bowling centers in 10 different bowling associations or more.

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